GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3275
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RELIEF FOR CROP LOSS IN KERALA
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received representations from the Government of Kerala and the Members of Parliament regarding relief for crop loss due to unexpected and unprecedented rain during March, 2008;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRIMATI RADHIKA V. SELVI)

(a) to (c): The Government of Kerala has submitted a preliminary memorandum seeking Central assistance from National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) for relief operations in the areas affected by heavy rains during March 2008. Upon receipt of the memorandum, an Inter-Ministerial Central Team was constituted, which visited the State during 3rd-5th April 2008, for an on the spot assessment of damage and requirement of funds. Further action will be taken on receipt of report of the Central Team, as per laid down procedure for release of assistance from NCCF. On the request of State Government, the Government of India has released in advance, 1st instalment of Central share of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) amounting to Rs. 37.115 crore for the year 2008-09 on 10th April 2008.